



Lake Park Villager

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GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

Village government meetings and elections are held at the Community Center and are open to the public.

- Mar 11** 7:00 PM Council Meeting
Mar 17 St Patrick's Day - Village Office Open
Mar 18 7:00 PM Planning Board Meeting
Mar 20 6:30 PM Economic Development Commission
Mar 24 6:30 PM Parks & Recreation Commission

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LAKE PARK PUBLIC PARKS OPEN DAWN TO DUSK YEAR ROUND

LAKE PARK TENNIS COURTS LIMIT USE TO 1 HOUR – ALL USERS
PAUL WOLFSKALE RECREATION COMPLEX

LAKE PARK HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
MAR 3 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
ALL HOMEOWNERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

LAKE PARK SINGLES AGES 45+
MAR 6 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

SAGES LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
MAR 3 – 1:00 PM CARD GAMES 882-6906
MAR 14 – 6:00 PM BAKED POTATO SUPPER NIGHT 882-2005
MAR 17 – 11:15 AM LUNCH & CARD GAMES 882-6906

ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE
MAR 11 – 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM CENTRAL ACADEMY AT LAKE PARK






VILLAGER NEWSLETTER IN HOME MAILBOX TUBES BY MAR 25
MAR 14 ITEMS DEADLINE E-MAIL OR PHONE ITEMS TO SANDY COUGHLIN

GARDEN CLUB MEETING TERRI BENNETT, ECO-EXPERT
MAR 17– 7:00 PM HOW GREEN DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?
LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
MAR 27 - 7:30 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

ANNUAL KITE FESTIVAL SPONSORED BY LAKE PARK HOA
APR 4 - 10:00 AM FOUNDERS PARK

Pride in our Public Spaces

-  Call our deputies if you spot anyone climbing or perched on public light fixtures or monuments.
-  Prevent false alarms ~ enter codes with care.
-  Follow safety rules for skateboards and bicycles.
-  Test alarms monthly; replace batteries annually.
-  Secure toys and bikes inside at night.

WastePro Wins Bid Approval

Of 5 companies bidding for the Lake Park waste collection contract, region-based WastePro became the Council's unanimous choice, based on a comparison provided by Sandy Coughlin, Chris Yeager and Cheri Clark. Council appointed the 3-person committee January 11 to address the village transition during the current interim contract with Trash Control. The interim contract expires in April.

The committee will continue to serve while 5-year contract details and transition activity is settled. Recycling and waste management education is part of the Waste Pro program. WastePro also serves Monroe and Indian Trail. Proposal bids ranged from \$199,248 to \$436,079 per year. WastePro's bid is \$208,178 and allows for adjustments for annual Consumer Price Index variations or for diesel fuel adjustments if the average price exceeds \$4 per gallon.

In early April, WastePro's own rollout carts, recycle bins and commercial dumpsters will replace all Covenant containers. Details will be in the March *Villager*. Trash Control arranged for Lake Park to continue to use the Covenant/GBUSA carts and bins only until their interim contract expires.

HOA Board Members

Nominees Blair Cooper and incumbent Susan Eyring were elected to 3-year terms on Lake Park's 7-member HOA board at the Annual Meeting January 28. In spite of a snowy evening, the HOA had the necessary Annual Meeting quorum by the 7pm meeting start time. The 2014 budget was reviewed and ratified, a new events calendar was presented and board members answered questions and received suggestions from those attending. The board has one vacancy remaining. Prospective volunteers may contact Board officers: Michael Calabrese, michael@prismcpd.com or Sigrid Mottram, sigridmottram@gmail.com.

Mayor Kendall Spence

Mayor Spence anticipates moving from the village in the near future due to his recent Fastenal promotion. He submitted his letter of resignation to Council on February 11, effective March 31.

Normal procedure in the absence of a mayor is for the Mayor Pro Tem, David Cleveland, to assume

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Deputy Leslie Brett & Deputy Richard Haywood

Call 911 to report emergency or any suspicious behavior.

For non-emergency: (704) 289-1591

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mayoral duties until Council appoints a replacement.

Common Heart 5k Run/Walk

Hearts in Motion's Marathon was scheduled in the Village February 22. Common Heart also sponsored their first Fire Cracker Run in Lake Park last July 4. Both the Girls on the Run (each April) and the Common Heart organizations (February and July) have held their races in Lake Park. The events welcome locals to race for fitness and fun and invite spectators to share the excitement and support the athletes. Events like these also bring important attention to the businesses, schools and churches in our municipality.

Security Report

Deputy Leslie Brett applauded the village for the dramatic reduction in false alarms arising from business and resident security systems. All users are urged to continue to be careful not to trigger false alarms so responses to true emergencies are not interrupted. Deputy Brett encourages everyone to phone suspicious activity at the time it is happening.

Lupus Foundation Honoree

The NC Chapter of Lupus Foundation of American announced the King and Queen of its 8th Annual Lupus Mardi Gras Gala to be held at CenterStage@NoDa in Charlotte March 8. Travis Manchester and Lake Park resident Patty Dunn will be crowned for their active support and commitment to lupus awareness, fundraising and organizational activities. Patty was also honored as the chapter's Volunteer of the Year in 2008.

Trees & Street Lights

35 trees that conflict with street lights will be removed by Kiker Tree Service. P&RC received 3 bids and recommended Kiker, a bid that included grinding additional cul de sac stumps.

Lake Park History Project

Valarie Ross and Sandy Coughlin hosted a January 30 meeting to review Village history since its founding in 1994. Rob Bowlin, Lynn and David Brown, Lynn Ramsey and John Ross shared ideas for processing photos, news clippings and archived materials for an illustrated history. They want to make it available to the public by 2019, Lake Park's 25th anniversary when the Howard Circle obelisk time capsule may be opened. Residents with photos or stories from moments or events since Lake Park's early days are invited to bring them to the next meeting 7:30 pm at the Community Center on March 27.

Immediate Road Work

H & S Paving of Marshville NC will be completing repairs on the most severe pot hole and pavement cracks in seven village locations selected for their urgency this month. The \$4,600 expense bested two other bids for the same project. This is covered in the street repair budget and will be completed in March.

EDC: Economic Development

♦ Faith United Methodist Church Pastor Lonnie Pittman indicates plans have begun for the congregation's 20th Birthday Celebration. Founding Pastor Lynn Upchurch will be visiting to preach Sunday May 4. FUMC will provide birthday plan details as the date approaches or visit www.faithisalive.org for their newsletter, schedules for regular services, study groups, preschool information and other activities.

P&RC: Parks & Recreation

♦ Lucas Landscape's \$29k bid won Council approval over two other companies whose bids ranged from \$49k to \$59k for the Russell Park Pond Restoration. Work includes moving the fish to another pond, draining and excavation of the Russell pond to remove built up silt, filling in rutted areas, restoring flow and repairing the bank with sod. Completion is expected in early March.

♦Public Areas Landscape Contract: With minor but relevant updating, the 2-year service agreement renewal between Village of Lake Park and provider Lucas Landscape recommended by the Parks & Recreation Commission and then approved by Council on January 11. The renewal includes a 1% price increase for the base landscaping service of \$130,210 per year. Pricing for spring and fall flowers is unchanged at \$2400 and mulching costs have dropped \$8700 due to converting to hardwood mulch instead of pine straw. Funding will be budgeted. Pet service station maintenance is included for 8 stations now located in the parks.